

SOC LECTURE OUTLINE

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THE MISSION OF CIA

- I. Purpose of Lecture - To give an overall picture of mission and general functions of the CIA. Details of the organization and specific functions will be discussed in a later course.
- II. Definition of an Intelligence Agency.
- III. U. S. Intelligence Prior to Establishment of CIA.
 - A. Prior to World War I.
 1. Only during emergency situations; geographic isolation, etc.
Examples: George Washington's intelligence units during the American Revolution, etc.
 - B. The Political Crises in the '30's. Need for intelligence recognized.
 - C. World War II. Expansion of G-2, ONI, and FBI; OSS created.
 - D. Intelligence Agencies existing when CIA established.
 1. G-2.
 2. ONI.
 3. A-2.
 4. State Department.
 - a. The Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence (to produce departmental intelligence). Two offices:
 - (1) OIR - Office of Intelligence Research.
 - (2) OIA - Office of Intelligence Acquisition.
 5. Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 6. Agencies conducting intelligence activities as by-products.
 - a. Justice Department: Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization.
 - b. Treasury Department: Foreign Funds Control; Customs Division; Secret Service.

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- c. Commerce Department: Special Services and Intelligence Branch (Office of International Trade) - Specializes in Commercial Intelligence - Commercial Attaches.
- D. Atomic Energy Commission: Division for Intelligence and Security.
- E. Past Weaknesses of the U. S. Intelligence System.
 - 1. "No system"
 - 2. Lack of coordination - Pearl Harbor.
 - 3. Lack of strategic national security.
 - 4. No "career" men or personnel with accumulated experience.

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IV. The CIA.**A. Brief History.**

- 1. Initial planning phase 1945 (end of World War II). Various plans: OSS; State Department, etc.
- 2. Presidential Directive January 1946.
- 3. January - May 1946, Admiral Sidney Souers.
- 4. May 1946 - May 1947, Lt. General Hoyt Vandenberg.
- 5. May 1947, General Vandenberg.
- 6. National Security Act, 1947 (permanent Central Intelligence Agency created).

B. Position of CIA in governmental structure (Read chart).**C. Functions.**

- 1. Statement of Law.
- 2. CIA Act of 1949.

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D. Duties of CIA.

1. Advise National Security Council.
2. Correlation and evaluation of intelligence, etc.
3. Production of "National Intelligence". Departmental Intelligence vs. National Intelligence.
4. Production of Strategic Intelligence.
5. Relationship with other agencies.
6. Coordination, etc.

V. General Remarks:

- A. A big job; a late start; a great opportunity for service.

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